(e) The question of appointment of a new inquiry officer may arise when there is a change in disciplinary authority on account of the transfer. It would be open for the new disciplinary authority to appoint a new inquiry officer if it is not feasible to continue with the old inquiry officer on account of the change of headquarters etc. consequent on transfer of the charged official.

Compassionate Appointment

4621. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the existing norms and criteria for compassionate appointment of dependant of the deceased employees;

(b) whether the quota of compassionate appointments has been curtailed/reduced due to curtailment of Central Government staff;

(c) whether Government propose to increase quota of compassionate appointments for the dependant of deceased staff; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) As per the existing instructions of the Department of Personnel and Training, appointment on compassionate grounds for the dependents of Government servants dying in harness, thereby leaving their family in penury and without any means of livelihood, can be made upto a maximum of 5% of vacancies falling under direct recruitment quota in any Group 'C' or 'D' post on regular basis only if regular vacancies for that purpose are available. The applicant for compassionate appointment should be eligible and suitable for the post in all respects under provision of relevant recruitment rules.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.